



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 5-20-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,  
I had the honor of recognizing our own Jonna Pounds for achieving her 25 Years of Service with SMCCCD! As the Division Assistant for Business, Design & Workforce Division, Jonna has been described as the Division's rock through thick and thin for 25 years. Not only does Jonna possess foundational knowledge about the College and the division, she is also an advocate and cheerleader for all Cañada College initiatives. Because of her big heart, conscientious nature and warm personality, Jonna is universally loved by all of her Cañada College colleagues and friends. Jonna always goes the extra mile to assist everyone she comes in contact with – students, staff, faculty and administration. Congrats to Jonna for 25 years of service!



### End of Year Celebrations

The end of the year brings a flurry of celebratory and festive events. On Tuesday we held our annual campus wide open house, Connect to College, where we hosted prospective students and their families to learn about the educational opportunities available to them at Cañada. The Districtwide 2022 Migration Celebration was also held where the SMCCCD Dream Centers honored students on their accomplishments and success.

On Wednesday, the first annual Latinx Graduation Recognition Ceremony at Cañada College where 35 Latinx students and 75+ of their friends, family members, Cañada employees and community members participated in the memorable celebration. We are extremely grateful to keynote alumna speaker, Margarita Baez, for sharing her testimonio and encouraging our students to persist despite challenges they face. We are also immensely proud of our three student speakers: Paloma Raquel Felix-Esparza,

Maria Fernanda Solis Vazquez and Jeison Velasquez. They inspired us all with their resilience and leave behind tremendous legacies as student leaders who have shaped our college through their various involvements. This was the first celebration of its kind at our college, and we hope that it becomes an annual tradition as we achieve what it truly means to be a Hispanic Serving Institution. In addition, yesterday we connected in person for our Employee End of Year Recognition event. We enjoyed a nice lunch together and celebrated our colleagues who are retiring and achieved tenure.

Thank you to all the staff, students, faculty, and administrators who made all of these events possible.



### **Employee Assistance Still Needed for Cañada's Commencement: Saturday, May 28, 2022**

We are still looking for assistants to help with Cañada's 54<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony that will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. There are a number of opportunities to participate and help make this event a memorable one for our graduates and their families.

Commencement assignments that still need assistance include:

- Two Spots for *Faculty Marshall* – 9:45 a.m.- 1 p.m. - A faculty member that can be there at rehearsal, carry in banners on the day of Commencement, and help get faculty and students in the right seats.
- Two Spots for *Super Set Up* – 6:30-7:30 a.m.- Volunteers set up signage for The Grove Check-In for graduates. Put out steamers, pins, registration boxes. Bring all water bottles and cookies to Lower Lawn for Reception. Then proceed to the Upper Lawn to Label Chairs for Board of Trustees, Chancellor, Administrator, ADA Seating, etc.
- Two Spots for *Graduate Prepper* – 8:45-10 a.m.- Support grads by steaming sashes and gowns, pinning motor boards on heads.
- Three Spots for *Reception Crew* – 9:30-1 p.m.- Help let guests know reception starts after the ceremony and then encourage guests to take cookies and water after the ceremony.

To assist with this special event, please sign up by clicking the [commencement job assignment link](#). Staff will have the option to choose exchange time or compensation for the hours worked at Commencement. Please inform your supervisor on your choice. I

hope you will be a part of the Cañada Commencement team and appreciate your consideration.

### **Show Some Love for the Class of 2022 with Custom Zoom Backgrounds!**

Marketing Department Student Assistant, Hannah Joy Haw, designed a suite of Zoom backgrounds for the campus and greater community to celebrate the Class of 2022! You can view and download the backgrounds [here](#).



### **Educational Master Plan for 2022-27 Adopted!**

At its May 18 meeting, the Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) officially adopted a [new five-year Educational Master Plan](#) for the College! On behalf of the EMP Task Force Tri Chairs (Eck, Young, and Engel), we would like to thank our entire college community for your engagement and contributions to this effort. In particular, we would like to express our deep thanks to the EMP Task Force members for their wisdom, guidance, and generous contribution of time and energy. The Task Force members include Alicia Aguirre, Wissem Bennani, Leonor Cabrera, Eddy Harris, Jenna French, Nimsi Garcia, Mary Ho, Allison Hughes, Hyla Lacefield, Krystal Martinez, Jeanne Stalker, and our wonderful student members, Mira Rubio and Brittney Samora-Delgadillo. Many thanks also to the PRIE Team (Dr. Alex Claxton, Dr. Milena Angelova, and Dr. Olisaemeka Chukwudebe for their tireless contributions of research, analysis and facilitation support). The Cañada College EMP will be presented to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees for adoption on June 22, 2022.

### **Graduating Ukrainian Student Featured on NBC Bay Area**

Earlier this semester, one of our graduating Ukrainian international students, Daria Dmytrenko, started a website featuring her original design work on merchandise, with all proceeds supporting Ukraine. She is a graphic design major graduating with a

Certificate this Spring. Her [website](#) has taken off, and she has recently been featured by [NBC Bay Area](#)! Not only is Daria supporting Ukraine, but she is graduating with nearly a perfect 4.0 GPA.



**Facilities/Construction Forum (Virtual) Today from 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

Please join us for the College's Facilities/Construction Forum (via Zoom) today, May 20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important construction/facility-related updates. Zoom Log in: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81437134158?pwd=N2hQWnBabWs1VmM1ODNFU21pQXZwdz09>

**Vice President of Administrative Services Finalist Forums Today and Monday**

Cañada College is currently in the process of hiring a new Vice President of Administrative Services. As part of the College's hiring process, we will invite finalist candidates to participate in virtual forums where they will be able to present their vision for the College. You can read the full announcement, including bios, [here](#). In order for our campus to hear from each finalist candidate, we will be holding a series of virtual forums:

**NOTE: Updated Forum Links:**

Date	Time	Finalist Candidate	Zoom
Friday, May 20	11 a.m.-12	Ludmila Prisecar	<a href="#">Link</a>
Friday, May 20	12:15 -	Shahrooz	<a href="#">Link</a>
Monday, May 23	2-3 p.m.	Mary Chries	<a href="#">Link</a>

While the virtual forums will be conducted live on Zoom, the questions for the finalist candidates were developed from the general topic areas that were solicited from all campus constituency groups. All of the virtual forums will be recorded and shared after the live events have concluded. These recordings, along with an online form where you can share your feedback, will be sent through the Cañada Marketing Department's Campus Announcements. Your feedback will be confidential. Thank you, in advance, for your participation and feedback. We value your input.

**Dr. Tammy Robinson's Farewell – May 23 from 1-2 p.m.**

Please join us in bidding a fond farewell to our Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tammy Robinson, on Monday, May 23 from 1-2 p.m. on the first floor of Building 8. The campus community is welcome to come in person, in masks, to celebrate Dr. Robinson before she begins her Presidency at Mesa Community College in Arizona. For those who would like to join virtually, please Zoom in using this link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81570130697>



**Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Newsletter**

The April/May 2022 edition of the Textbook Affordability Subcommittee of the Academic Senate is attached! Learn more about ongoing efforts on our campus to offer more courses as zero-textbook-cost and low-textbook-cost, as well as how YOU can join us! Contact Sarah Harmon ([harmons@smccd.edu](mailto:harmons@smccd.edu)) for more information.

**Updates from Community Fitness**

Community Fitness operates Cañada College Athletic Center to the primacy of the students and will engage a Membership Model similar to CSM-Athletic Center with an approximate opening date August 1, 2022. Provisions are under way for a Student Pilot Program providing Cañada College Students a two-month free trial membership, (Zero enrollment and Zero monthly dues) offered exclusively during the opening phase and through September 30, 2022.

Cañada College and SMCCCD Employees will also be offered 50% discounted enrollment fees upon joining during pre-sales and up to September 30, 2022.

While the Membership Team is not yet developed at Cañada College Athletic Center, you can still pre-register your interest at: [smacmemberservices@smccd.edu](mailto:smacmemberservices@smccd.edu). A CC-Athletic Center team member will be following-up towards *the end of June*, with a welcome letter, guide and link to your on-line membership application.

A chart of special Cañada College and SMCCCD Employees rates during pre-sales and through September 30 is included below:

Center	CC + CSM Athletic Centers	Monthly Dues Enrollment	Normal Enrollment	50% Monthly Dues CC -Athletic
<b>Employee Membership: (All Hour Membership)</b>				
Single	120	60	30	35
Duo	192	96	55	64
Family	264	132	75	88
<b>Employee Membership: (Non-prime time Membership): (6a-9a) (6:30p – 8:30p) Weekends: (7a-2p)</b>				
Single	60	30	12	14
Duo	96	48	24	28
Family	132	66	33	39

### Cañada College Partners with Sequoia Union High School District in K-14 Equity Leadership Academy

Cañada College and the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) recently hosted a pilot K-14 Equity Leadership Academy that is aimed to join the two educational institutions together to advance educational equity, breakdown siloes and advance work between SUHSD and Cañada College. The pilot program stemmed from a recent [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) established with Cañada College and SUHSD to increase college preparation and provide access and success for SUHSD students and graduates. This agreement also allows for the development of aspirational leaders with perspectives and practices rooted in equity, advocacy, social justice, and anti-racism. The Equity Leadership Academy was organized by the Skyline Equity Institute, led by Executive Director, O'KenZoe Selassie-Okpe, Ph.D. The Executive Leadership teams from Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) and Cañada College joined together for this pilot academy.

The goals of the academy were:

- Understanding the fundamentals of Equity and Leadership
- Operationalizing principles of Equity and Leadership

- Equitizing Policy and Procedures
- Leveraging Equity and Equal employment opportunity

A debriefing will be held at the end of May to idealize formats for future Equity Leadership Academies for Cañada College and SUHSD employees to convene and hold conversations together. In addition, two follow-up sessions with the pilot cohort will be held in June and September to reconnect and discuss future planning.

**Share the History of Cañada College!**

To celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, College of San Mateo is working with the San Mateo County History Museum on a museum exhibit. CSM history professor Tatiana Irwin is organizing the project and has invited Cañada to share some of its history to include as part of the museum exhibit. If anyone has any Cañada stories to share or artifacts that could be loaned (such as uniforms, posters, sports memorabilia, and so on), please contact Tatiana Irwin ([irwint@smccd.edu](mailto:irwint@smccd.edu)) before the end of June.

Thank you for your hard work this week and I wish you all a restful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Kim